

# Office of Public Instruction AIDS Communique

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Welcome back to Montana's educational system!! It is our sincere hope that everyone had a very enjoyable summer and that your upcoming school year is full of success and wonderful learning experiences.

## Montana AIDS Education Project

The Montana AIDS Education Project is in its second year of funding through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control. The grant award for this year is \$198,000. The 1989-90 AIDS Education grant has seven main objectives:

1. Increase the number of schools giving AIDS education,
2. Increase the number of priority schools giving AIDS education,
3. Increase the number of out-of-school youth receiving AIDS education,
4. Increase the level of AIDS-related knowledge of Montana students,
5. Increase the AIDS-related knowledge of school decision-makers,
6. Increase the number of units of higher education providing AIDS education to teacher education candidates, and
7. Increase the number of handicapped students receiving AIDS education.

The grant objectives will be completed through various activities specified in the grant which include: regional workshops conducted throughout the state; surveys; development of educational materials; development of policy and procedure information; state and local agency collaboration; and networking with education systems in and out of the state of Montana.

## Train the Trainers Workshop

During the month of November, the OPI in collaboration with the State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences will conduct a "Train the Trainers" workshop. The trainers' primary responsibilities consist of being resource persons available for community or school events requiring AIDS information and/or assistance. The training will focus on the technical and medical facts of AIDS, guidelines and development of an AIDS curriculum, the incorporation of a comprehensive health program in Montana schools, policy and procedures information, the psychosocial effects of AIDS, the homosexual/homophobic issues concerning AIDS, and resource information and materials availability.

The OPI and the DHES are offering this workshop free of cost to individuals interested in becoming involved in the battle against AIDS in Montana communities. The number of regional facilitators is limited to 15 and interested applicants are asked to write to: Laurie Volesky, AIDS Education Specialist, Office of Public Instruction, Capitol Building, Helena, Montana 59620 or contact by phone at 444-3178.

## OPI Computer Bulletin Board

The Office of Public Instruction has developed an electronic bulletin board communicating system that is known as "GOLIATH." The bulletin board is an effective method of communicating at no cost to the school districts of Montana. There are 600 users from 400 schools that are involved in the functions of GOLIATH which include: leaving or retrieving private and public messages, uploading and downloading operations, and public announcements of workshops, insertions and meetings on a national or state level. To gain access

to GOLIATH, please contact the AIDS Education Specialist at 444-3178 or write to: AIDS Education Specialist, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620. Necessary information for access includes your name, address, phone number and a password consisting of between four and eight letters. Equipment requirements include any brand of computer, a modem and a telephone line. A user instructional manual is available for \$3.50 from the Office of Public Instruction.

## Youth Service Professionals' Workshop

This workshop is sponsored by the Montana Department of Health, the Office of Public Instruction, the Department of Family Services and the Montana Board of Crime Control. It is designed for social workers, school personnel, juvenile probation officers, mental health workers, substance abuse counselors, law enforcement and other youth serving programs—all people who may be involved with a child who enters the social or justice system because of individual or family high-risk behavior. The workshop will respond to legal and social issues, specific ideas on how to implement policies to protect the rights of all parties, and a model policy adaptable to your needs. Instructors will include representatives of local AIDS Education projects from county health departments, the Montana Residential Child Care Association and Bill Riley, consultant to the sponsoring agencies.

Dates and locations are as follows:

- Sept. 19—Dawson County Courthouse, Glendive
- Sept. 26—Rowe Inn, Billings
- Oct. 3—Holiday Inn Parkside, Missoula
- Oct. 17—Sheraton Inn, Great Falls
- Oct. 24—Coach House East, Helena

Each session commences at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 5:00 p.m. Preregistration is required and registration forms are available through Cathy Kendall at the Montana Board of Crime Control, 444-3604.

## Resource Materials

The Office of Public Instruction has purchased new videos that are available to Montana school districts upon request. New Dimension Media, Inc., has produced *AIDS: Let's Talk*, for grades three through five; *AIDS: Taking Action*, for grades six through eight; and *AIDS: Learn for Your Life*, for grades nine through twelve. Also new to the OPI is *A Letter from Brian* from the American Red Cross and *AIDS, An Enemy Among Us* from Churchill Films, both of which are for grades nine through twelve. Other videos are available upon request from the OPI/DHES video library located at the State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences.

The OPI is also purchasing an AIDS brochure pertaining to coaches and students involved in athletics. It provides answers to commonly asked questions and gives additional information vital to the prevention of AIDS transmission.

## AIDS Education Surveys

The Office of Public Instruction will be conducting a survey to determine the number of Montana junior and senior high schools providing AIDS education. The survey has been developed by the Centers for Disease Control, and it will be mailed to principals of junior and senior high schools in November. Results of the survey will be available in January.



The AIDS Programs at the Office of Public Instruction and the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences are jointly presenting a workshop at the MEA Convention in Great Falls. The session will focus on the issues of AIDS in schools and in the general public. Prevention, surveillance and AIDS education will be among the topics covered and a question and answer period will be provided. The workshop will be held in CMR Room 101 on Friday, October 20, from 11:00-11:50 a.m.

The State Department of Health has a supply of Sexually Transmitted Disease instructor's manuals and STD guides for students. The manuals provide guidelines for the implementation of STD education into a curriculum, transparency masters, lesson plans and worksheets for student use. The manuals and guides are available through the Sexually Transmitted Disease Program at the State Department of Health, Cogswell Building, Helena, MT 59620.

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RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT AIDS CASES  
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)  
Definitive and Presumptive AIDS Cases  
Surveillance Report - 09/03/89

1. Disease Category	Adult/Adolescent		2. Age	Cases ( %)
	Cases ( %)	Deaths ( %)		
PCP	21 ( 46)	11 ( 52)	Under 13	0 ( 0)
Other Disease w/o PCP	22 ( 48)	14 ( 64)	13-19	0 ( 0)
KS Alone	3 ( 7)	0 ( 0)	20-29	14 ( 30)
No Diseases Listed	0 ( 0)	0 ( 0)	30-39	21 ( 46)
Total	46 ( 100)	25 ( 54)	40-49	7 ( 15)
			Over 49	4 ( 9)
			Unknown	0 ( 0)
			Total	44 ( 100)

3. Race/Ethnicity	Adult/Adolescent	
	Cases ( %)	
White, Not Hispanic	42 ( 91)	
Black, Not Hispanic	1 ( 2)	
Hispanic	2 ( 4)	
Other	1 ( 2)	
Unknown	0 ( 0)	
Total	46 ( 100)	

4. Patient Groups	Adult/Adolescent		Total ( %)
	Males ( %)	Females ( %)	
Homosexual or Bisexual Men	28 ( 65)	0 ( 0)	28 ( 61)
Intravenous (IV) Drug User	4 ( 9)	0 ( 0)	4 ( 9)
Homo/Bi IV Drug User	5 ( 12)	0 ( 0)	5 ( 11)
Hemophiliac	2 ( 5)	0 ( 0)	2 ( 5)
Heterosexual Contact	0 ( 0)	3 ( 100)	3 ( 7)
Transfusion With Blood/ Products	0 ( 0)	0 ( 0)	0 ( 0)
None of the Above/Other	4 ( 9)	0 ( 0)	4 ( 9)
Total	41 ( 100)	3 ( 100)	44 ( 100)

Source: Montana AIDS Program, MDHES, September 5, 1989

\*Includes 32 Montana AIDS cases and 14 cases reported to Centers for Disease Control from other states who are living in Montana.

As of September 5, 1989, there have been 216 positive HIV tests from 16,534 tests conducted through the MDHES Public Health Laboratory.

Nationally, as of September 5, 1989, 102,621 cases of AIDS and 59,391 deaths have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control.

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